GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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SWAYAMSIDDHA YOJANA
BHAWANA GAWALI (PATIL)

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of blocks and rural areas are benefited by Swayamsiddha yojana;

(b) the funds released by the Government for this scheme so far;

(c) whether the rural women are getting benefit of this scheme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) Swayamsidha is being scheduled to be implemented in 650 Blocks. To date 35 Block-specific Projects have been approved at the National-level and power to sanction 284 Block-specific Projects has been delegated to States.

(b) Rs.495.04 lakh.

(c)&(d) Since the Scheme was initiated only in March2001 and is in the nascent stages, no evaluation has been done to ascertain whether rural women are getting the benefit of the scheme or not.

However its objectives are as below:-

Long term objectives: The all-round empowerment of women, especially socially and economically, by ensuring their direct access to, and control over, resources through a sustained process of mobilisation and convergence of all the on-going sectoral programmes.

Immediate objectives:

(i) Establishment of self-reliant women's Self-Help Groups

(SHGs);

(ii) Creation of confidence and awareness among members of SHGs regarding women's status, health, nutrition, education, sanitation and hygiene, legal rights, economic upliftment and other social, economic and political issues;

(iii) Strengthening and institutionalizing the savings habit in rural women and their control over economic resources;

(iv) Improving access of women to micro credit;

(v) Involvement of women in local level planning; and

(vi) Convergence of services of Department of Women & Child Development and other Departments.

A target of forming 53,100 Women Self-help Groups, to benefit 9,29,250 women, has been laid down for the 6-year project period, ending March 2006.